

Senate Resolution 913

By: Senator Goggans of the 7th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Echols County, Georgia, on its 150th year of existence; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Echols County was incorporated in 1858 and named after Brigadier General  
4 Robert M. Echols and was the 130th Georgia county; and

5 WHEREAS, Echols County sits on the Florida border and is the only county in Georgia  
6 through which the famous Suwannee River flows; and

7 WHEREAS, its first election was held in 1859 in the town of Troublesome, which is now the  
8 county seat, Statenville; and

9 WHEREAS, Echols County's first school was built in the early 1800's; and

10 WHEREAS, Echols County was originally claimed by both the United States and Spain and  
11 by both Georgia and Florida; and

12 WHEREAS, early records show that approximately 1,491 people, 314 of which were slaves,  
13 lived in the county, and today approximately 3,750 people reside in Echols County, making  
14 it one of the least populated counties in Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, since the 1950's, agriculture has dominated with truck farming dramatically  
16 increasing since the 1960's due to local produce companies locating in the county; and

17 WHEREAS, a sign at the western border of the county declares Echols County to be the  
18 "Carrot Capital" of the South; and

19 WHEREAS, Echols County Schools was recently recognized for being the first county  
20 school system in Georgia to meet the "21st Century Requirements" in technology.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 recognize and commend Echols County on its 150th year of existence and wish the fine  
3 citizens of Echols County the best for the future.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Rolla Hendrickson.